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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6208**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 81**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 18, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Criminal Law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Arnold

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Criminal Law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee to evaluate criminal laws and sentencing policies. It repeals laws establishing the Sentencing Policy Study Committee.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Sentencing Policy Study Committee.)

**Effective Date:** Upon passage; July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill establishes a 20-member study committee consisting of eight legislators, three lay members, the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, four trial court judges, and four state employees. The committee is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$16,500 per interim for committees with 16 members or more.

Under current law, the authorizing statute for the Sentencing Policy Study Committee was scheduled to expire on December 31, 2010. Consequently, this bill would be a continuation of past committee expenditures and not new expenditures for FY 2011.

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and the Legislative Services Agency are to provide staff support to the committee.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Legislative Services Agency.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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